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Four reports describing Soviet naval vessels observed in the Arctic area.

The reports contain the following information:

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1	Observations in Arkhangelsk; three naval vessels under repair at Solombala; four vessels, similar to the above, at Arkhangelsk Lightship; unidentified naval vessel [REDACTED] off Sosnovets Island
2	"Large" submarine [REDACTED] in Arkhangelsk, being overhauled. No details.
3	Two destroyers [REDACTED] in the White Sea
4	Sightings in Kolskiy Zaliv: three cruisers [REDACTED] and one cruiser under repair; destroyers [REDACTED] sub-marines [REDACTED] of the same class being overhauled and submarine [REDACTED] which was almost completely scrapped.

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1. The conning-tower of a submarine was observed approximately 12 nautical miles north of Sviatoy Nos [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] No description available.

2. Two destroyers [REDACTED] were observed in the White Sea southward-bound for Arkhangelsk [REDACTED]. The ships were described as having a forecastle, two guns fore, bridge, tripod mast with radar scanner on top, a smokestack slanted slightly to stern with the top cut off at a slant, one torpedo launcher, and one gun abaft. The length was estimated to be 70 meters. (1)

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[REDACTED] Comments

(1) Probably RIGA-class escort vessels.

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1. Three cruisers [redacted] were observed in Vayenga [redacted]
2. There were nine torpedo boats in the harbor, all with two smokestacks, and twelve with one smokestack. [redacted] a 25X1
3. There were five MTB's at Velikiy Point. [redacted]
4. There was one supply ship in the double floating dock.
5. There were several large destroyers with superstructure between the smokestacks at Murmansk naval shipyard. Two of these [redacted] 25X1
6. [redacted] similar submarines were being overhauled [redacted] and [redacted] seemed to have been completed and were taking on oil from a small tanker. (2)
7. A larger submarine [redacted] was lying separately from the others. 25X1
8. A submarine [redacted] was almost completely scrapped. 25X1
9. A small cruiser [redacted] was undergoing repairs. [redacted]

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1. NAVY:

At the ship-yard on SOLOMBALA 3 naval vessels were observed several times during the last week of June, they were obviously being repaired. Crews were aboard on all vessels.

Description: [redacted] Length about 150 feet, flushdecker, one gun on the foredeck, bridge with one mast aft of the bridge building, one funnel.

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[redacted] in position about half-way between ARCHANGEL lightship and KERET POINT, 4 naval vessels were observed in formation line astern. The vessels first sailed in direction towards the lightship, but later changed course several times.

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[redacted] Vessels were of the same type as those observed at the ship-yard at SOLOMBALA.

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2nd July about 1200 hrs GMT a naval vessel appeared from the vicinity of SOSNOVETZ ISLAND and then followed [redacted] for about 2 hours.

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Description: [redacted] Raised forecastle approximately 1/3 of the length of the hull, one gun, without shield or turret, on the foredeck, bridge, one funnel with one mast in front of it, one unshielded gun on the quarter deck.

2. AIRCRAFT:

There was a proportionate heavy traffic of one and twin-engined civilian aircraft from KYEGOSTROV aerodrome. All were painted with a light aluminium colour. No jet-planes were observed either on KYEGOSTROV or over ARCHANGEL.

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Area: ARCHANGEL . BARENTS SEA

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[redacted] a submarine at the naval station
at ARCHANGEL.

[redacted] The submarine ^hwich was one
of the larger types was leadpainted and major overhaul
seemed to be carried out [redacted]

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[redacted] several large surface vessels
and submarines off the KOLA INLET. [redacted]

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